

## House Resolution 126 - Introduced

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 126

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1 A Resolution recognizing March 2012 as Iowa Women's  
2 History Month.

3 WHEREAS, Iowa women of every race, class, and  
4 ethnic background have made historic contributions  
5 to the growth and strength of our state and nation  
6 in countless recorded and unrecorded ways, including  
7 through the struggle for women's rights; and

8 WHEREAS, Iowa women have played and continue to  
9 play a critical economic, cultural, and social role by  
10 constituting a significant portion of the labor force  
11 working inside and outside of the home; and

12 WHEREAS, Iowa women were particularly important in  
13 the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic,  
14 and cultural institutions in our state and nation; and

15 WHEREAS, Iowa women and men amended the Iowa  
16 Constitution to read that "All men and women are, by  
17 nature, free and equal, and have certain inalienable  
18 rights..."; and

19 WHEREAS, Iowa women have been leaders in  
20 agriculture, business, and industry as well as the

1 abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the  
2 labor movement, the civil rights movement, and the  
3 women's suffrage movement, which create a more fair and  
4 just society for all; and

5 WHEREAS, despite these contributions, and those of  
6 women throughout the world, the role of women has been  
7 undervalued, in the literature, teaching, and study of  
8 history; NOW THEREFORE,

9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That  
10 the House of Representatives recognizes the month of  
11 March 2012 as Iowa Women's History Month and invites  
12 the citizens of Iowa to continue to uncover the roles  
13 women have played throughout history.